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SUBJECT: PATTERSON KIDNAPPING; NEW APPEAL TO KIDNAPPERS

1. MRS. ANDRA PATTERSON IS PLANNING TO ADDRESS A NEW APPEAL TO THE KIDNAPPERS THROUGH THE MEDIA (TV, RADIO, PRESS) ON MAY 17. PRESENT PLANS ARE TO INVITE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EMBASSY WITH THE ADVANCE UNDERSTANDING THAT MRS. PATTERSON WILL NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS. MINOR CHANGES MAY BE MADE IN THE TEXT WHICH FOLLOWS, BUT SUBSTANCE WILL BE AS SHOWN.

2. BEGIN TEXT. I WISH TO ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN COMMUNICATING WITH THE KIDNAPPERS OF MY HUSBAND, JOHN PATTERSON. IT HAS BEEN EIGHT FULL WEEKS SINCE HE WAS TAKEN. IN ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL RANSOM NOTE, THERE HAS BEEN FURTHER COMMUNICATION REPEATING THEIR DEMANDS. IN EACH INSTANCE I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO COMPLY COMPLETELY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS. I REMAIN READY TO MEET THEIR REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO FREE MY HUSBAND. RANSOM MONEY IS AVAILABLE AND I AM PREPARED TO TRADE IT IN ANY MANNER THAT IS BOTH REASONABLE AND SAFE. I ASK ONLY ONE THING FIRST -- FOR SOME PROOF OR EVIDENCE THAT THEY INDEED HAVE MY HUSBAND AND THAT HE IS ALL RIGHT. I WANT THE PERSONS HOLDING MY HUSBAND TO KNOW THAT LAST WEEK THEIR LETTER DID NOT ARRIVE UNTIL AFTER THE DATE SET FOR THE MEETING. I PLACED AN AD IN THE PERSONAL COLUMNS OF THE PAPERS IN THE AREA TO WHICH THEY SENT ME EXPLAINING THE DELAY, AND WENT IMMEDIATELY TO THE DESIGNATED PLACE. I WAITED FOR SIX DAYS TO BE CONTACTED.

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I AM PREPARED TO GO AS QUICKLY AS I CAN WHEREVER NECESSARY, AND I

URGE THE KIDNAPPERS TO CONTACT ME AGAIN BY ANY MEANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PLEASE CALL ME AT THE RESIDENCE IN HERMOSILLO, 3-16-21 OR 4-13-87.
THE AMERICAN AMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY CAN ALSO ALWAYS GET IN TOUCH WITH ME. ITS NUMBER IS 525-91-00.

I AM TRULY SORRY THAT I CANNOT ANSWER QUESTIONS NOW. THE RANSOM NOTE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS THAT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN, BUT I HAVE NO OTHER MEANS OF REACHING THE KIDNAPPERS TO TELL THEM THAT I WAS THERE. END TEXT.
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